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9 February 1960

MEMORANDUM FOR: Assistant Director, Research and Reports  
FROM: Chief, Geographic Research  
SUBJECT: GRA Activity Report for the Month of January 1960

A. Research and Technical Support Activity

1. The Geography Division completed and disseminated one Geographic Intelligence Memorandum (GM 60-1, The Shatt Al Arab Dispute); two Geographic Intelligence Reports (GR L-60-1, Cuba: Part IV; and GR L-60-1, Cuba: Part XLII); and 13 Geographic Support Projects in the GP series. Among the GP projects were 3 contributions to the NIS program and 2 items for the Current Intelligence Digest.

2. The Cartography Division accepted requests for 142 maps and charts and completed 225. Work in progress at the end of January amounted to 480 jobs (versus 577 for December). The large number of completions resulted from the bunching up of scheduled NIS work, increased OSI requirements, and an increase of Special Support Branch requests from ONE. Among the major support activities for the month, the Cartography Division completed a wall map of Africa showing terrain, transportation, and current political boundaries. This map, which is 37" x 40" and in full color, is available through the Map Library; it is the third of a series of wall maps being prepared by the Division. After two years in progress, [redacted] cultural features, including terrain, was finally completed in support of a D/GG project. In fulfillment of a rush request from the Department of State, a number of hand copies of a map showing the USSR Pacific Missile range impact area were prepared.

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3. The Map Library Division forwarded 19,980 items to requesters in response to 1,681 requests for maps, geographic materials, and reference information. Among the requests serviced were those for maps needed by the White House and the Department of State in preparation for the President's South American tour.

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2. Receipt of the memorandum on Soviet expansion in Antarctica, G/E 59-9, was acknowledged by Captain E. Davis, USN, J-4, JCS, who stated the paper was used for the preparation of a JCS report recommending review of Department of Defense policy relative to Antarctica.

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